textile in the country during the last three years was:—

Year	Total cloth production (in MTM)
1984-85	12,014
1985-86	12,498
1986-87	12,777 (anticipated)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Glut in cotton

820. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is glut of cotton in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cotton prices have depressed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the cotton growers are demanding export of fifteen lakh bales of cotton; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Second All India Cotton Producers' Conference at Akola urged for export of atleast 20 lakh bales.

(d) Government have announced a long term export policy of cotton for export of 5 lakh bales of long/extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales each of Bengal Deshi and Digvijay varieties per annum on a continuous basis for a period of three years beginning from the current cotton season. A quantity of 2,67,000 bales of long/extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales of Bengal Deshi have been released so far during 1986-87.

Incidents involving insult to national symbols, ETC.

821. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of incidents involving insult to national symbols or open call of boycott of National celebrations that came to Government's notice during the last six months;

(b) what action has been taken in such cases; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make the law more stringent so as to ensure that due respect is given to National Anthem, National Flag and National Emblem as well as to the Republic and Independence Days by every citizen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Information is yet awaited from 20 States/Union Territories and will be laid on the Table of the House. However, with regard to the remaining 11 States/Union Territories the available information is given in the statement which is laid on the Table of the House (*See* bolew). The Babri Masjid Action Committee initially gave a call for boycott of the Republic Day; some more organisations also joined the boycott move. However, the Babri Masjid Action Committee subsequently withdrew the boycott call.

(c) No such proposal is at present under the Government's consideration. However, while punishment for a breach is imperative, more and